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MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE HAVING

A PLURALITY OF STACKED DIES AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING

SUCH MICROELECTRONIC

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Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 C.F.R §1.181

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Sir:

In the Notice of Abandonment mailed June 20, 2006, the patent application referenced above was held to be abandoned on the grounds that the Applicants failed to file an Appeal Brief two months from the date of filing the Notice of Appeal. Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment because the statutory time period for filing the Appeal Brief had not expired at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment.

Applicants mailed a Notice of Appeal on March 13, 2006. Although 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(a)(1) states that "[a]ppellant must file a brief under this section within two months from the date of filing the notice of appeal under § 41.31," under 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(e), "the time periods set forth in this section are extendable under the provisions of § 1.136 of this title for patent applications." Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant may extend the time period up to five months after the time period set for reply if a petition for an extension of time and the requisite

fee are filed. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Director withdraw the holding of abandonment and reinstate the time period for filing the Appeal Brief.

Date: 7/5/06

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